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INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drats, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

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No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPT DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be accounted on application, great Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED on DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" 6 " 4 " "

" 12 " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,

Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000.

Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000.

Annual Income £250,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 16, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE H. WHEELER is authorized to sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882.

### NOTICE.

M. J. LAMRE has been Admitted a PARTNER in my Firm, from this date, under the Name of

STEIL & LAMKE.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### NOTICE.

BRANDIES.—COUVETRIES, ELSHAM'S, and HENNESSY'S.

WHISKIES.—BOURBON, BULLETT'S,

LAIDEN, KINAHAN'S, L.L., GLEN, L.C. & Co.'s

SPECIAL BLEND, RED URGENT, RUN, SQUARE

FAIR and OLD TOM.

CHAMPAGNE.—KOHNSTAMM, REINART,

CLARETS.—MEDOC, HAUT, TALENCE,

LAROZE.

### NOTICE.

Outfitting Department.—GENTLEMEN'S

SHIRTS, CLOTHING, BRIDLES, HARNESS,

WHIPS, &c.

TENNIS SETS and BALLS, TENNIS

BATS in Single, Double, and TRIPLE

GUT, by FELTHAM, JEFFREYS, and ATREYS,

WHITMAN'S ALMANACS (to arrive ex

Gleniffer).

Hongkong, January 14, 1882.

### NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the

WEITZU BUSSAN KAISHA,

of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE now a NEW and LARGE STOCK in the following Departments, viz.—

HOUSEHOLD STORES.

CHOCOLATE & BLACKWELL, and MOHR, HUNTELY & PALMER'S, and AMERICAN

BISCUITS and CRACKNELL'S, SCOTCH OAT CAKES, MACKENZIE'S, ALBERT

BISCUITS, NEW MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, ELVIS

PLUMS, DESSERT FRUIT in Syrup, NOYES and BRANDY, STILTON,

GORGONZOLA, PINE-APPLE and ALBERT CHEESE; NEW COSAQUES and

CONFETTERY.

HUNTS PORT, L. C. & Co.'s "R" PORT,

SPARKLING MOUSSELLE & HOCK, CHARTREUSE,

CURAÇAO, MARASCHINO, NOYEAT, and

ANGOSTURA Bitters, ORANGE Bitters,

STATIONERY.—For Office use—FANCY

NOTE PAPER and CORRESPONDENCE CARDS,

LETTER DIARIES, MEMOS; and ACCOUNT

BOOKS, OFFICE SUPPLIES.

FLOWER and VEGETABLE SEEDS,

TOBACCO:—COCO'S GOLDEN CLOUD,

TURKISH MIXTURE, and BIRDS-EYE, PACE'S

GOLDEN BARS.

THE REVISED TESTAMENT, hand-

scraped bound.

NEW NOVELS and ANNUALS.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Surgeon Major MURRAY, to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 28th February, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his

Residence, "Ilewood,"

the whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising—

CRETONNE DRAWING-ROOM

SUITE.

BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES, CHIMNEY GLASS, CHIMNEY CLOCK, HEARTH

IRONS, PICTURES, GARNIERS, and GARNIERS,

BRACKETS.

TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE,

SIDEROBE, WHALENUT, DINING and DES-

SET SETS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, in blue

CHINA, GLASS and PLATED WARE.

DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS, CHILDREN'S COTS,

WARDROBES, CHESTS of DRAWERS, CHEVAL GLASS, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, and MAKE-

UP WASHSTAND.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.  
CHRISTMAS STORES AND  
NEW AND SEASONABLE  
G. O. D. S.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.  
MUSCATEL RAISINS.  
METZ FRUIT.  
ASSORTED COSAQUES.  
GALLARD & BOWMAN'S CONFECTIONERY.  
BUTTER SCOTCH.  
HONEY SCOTCH.  
ROSE-TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS Currants.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Glenfiddas."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

TEVISONIAN'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTINA.

MAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIPKINS & LIPKIN'S COCOA.

FRUIT-PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE-MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BRAWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.

HEDDING'S MONOPOLE & WHITE  
SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

INN. GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT.

SACCOMONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TULLADO.

SCAGGONE'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 & 2 Star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUTOUR & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LIQUOR.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

OURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

Baker's and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHIFFEE.

BONED COLD CODFISH.

RUSSIAN CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH AND BEEF BUTTER.

PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kgs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 3 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's DesserT FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted CANNED VEGETABLES.

Poited SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.

Assorted PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

"Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA  
RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 16 lb

tins, and looses.

Alphabetical BIS-

CUTTS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

COINMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

6 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING AND SAIL-MAKING promptly  
executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

## For Sale.

Intimations.  
KELLAR & CUNARD,  
THE  
ROYAL ILLUSIONIST  
COMPANY,  
will  
SHORTLY APPEAR  
Hongkong, February 6, 1882.

WANTED.  
A Managing PARTNER for an Old  
Established WINE and SPIRIT MER-  
CHANT'S BUSINESS, with AERATED WATER,  
MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION  
AGENTS combined.  
For full Particulars, apply to  
"A. B. C.",  
c/o, OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in  
the above Company will be held at the  
OFFICE of the Company, No. 7, Queen's  
Road, at Half-past Three o'clock on the  
Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 23rd February  
instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts  
to 31st December, 1881, and to elect a  
General Manager and to elect a Con-  
sulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1882. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 15th to the  
28th February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1882. fe28

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the  
OFFICE of the Company, No. 14, Praya  
Central, on WEDNESDAY, 1st March,  
1882, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the Directors, and a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be closed from the 15th instant to the  
1st Proximo, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. COOKE,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 13, 1882. fe27

TOK KEE,  
C/O A. L. MERCER & CO.,  
33, WING LING LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of

STEAM COAL of the best quality, at  
moderate rate; also has always powerful  
STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable  
charge, office for special Purposes, Ex-  
cursions, or Towing.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882. fe13

WINDSOR HOUSE,  
Nos. 18 and 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished HOTEL com-  
bines a fine view of the Harbour and  
Shipping; and the building is surrounded  
by a large Verandah, which makes this  
the coolest Hotel in the East.

Charges—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day.

Porter to land and ship Baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co.

Hongkong, Japan, Sept. 1881.

THE "FAR EAST."  
The issues of 1878 WANTED.

Apply to this OFFICE.

Hongkong, October 4, 1882.

Tenth Volume of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3—Vol. X.  
OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The New Testament in Chinese.

Short Journeys in Szechuan.

The Emperor Chong, Founder of the Chi-  
nese Empire.

Notices of New Books and Literary Intel-  
ligence.

Notes and Queries—

On Chinese Quaids in Western Books.

Cutting's DesserT FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted CANNED VEGETABLES.

Poited SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.

Assorted PEPPERS.

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"Lunch TONGUE.

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Clam

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

11 a.m.—Hungarian leaves for Australian ports, via Takao.

4 p.m.—Chinkiang leaves for Shanghai.

Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Banks close.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Established A.D. 1841.

香港大藥房

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
IMPORTERS

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, NURSERY REQUIREMENTS, TOILET REQUIREMENTS, ENGLISH, AMERICAN, and FRENCH PATENT MEDICINES.

MANUFACTURERS

Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water, Gingerade, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

PASSENGERS arriving in Hongkong, or any other persons who may desire to consult the files of local, China, Japan, American, English, Indian or Australian newspapers, are invited to call at the "CHINA MAIL" Office, where over sixty newspapers, dailies and weeklies, from these countries, are now filed for reference.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.50 p.m.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1882.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

(Per E. E. A. &amp; C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

FAILURES IN THE WHEAT AND COTTON TRADE AT NEW YORK.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

There is a semi-panic by mercantile failures in New York in the Wheat and Cotton Trade.

RUSSIA SAYS SHE WILL KEEP THE PEACE.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

The official Messenger announces that Russia will continue a pacific policy.

PARLIAMENTARY RULES—THE MAJORITY MUST EXCEED 100 WHEN MINORITY IS LESS THAN 40—HOUSE ADJOURNS.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

Gladstone has proposed the Parliamentary Rules, but stated that he was willing to modify them so that when the minority was less than for the majority must exceed a hundred.

Sir S. Northcote opposed, and after a long and animated debate the House agreed to adjourn.

BRADLAUGH AGAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 22.

Bradlaugh's expulsion almost unanimously demanded.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, bringing San Francisco dates up to the 25th ult., may be expected to arrive here on Sunday, the 26th, per M. M. str. Yangtze. She brings London dates to the 26th Jan.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the S. S. Yangtze left Saigon for this port to-day (Thursday) at 3 a.m.

THE Superintendent of the E. E. A. &amp; China Telegraph Company informs us that the French Mail steamer Yangtze (with the mail of 20th Jan.) passed Cape St. James at 10 o'clock this morning for Hongkong.

It is not generally known that the *Diospyros kaki*, or date plum, of China and Japan, otherwise known as the persimmon, is extensively employed in both these countries for the production of an alcoholic beverage. This fruit has been recently introduced into Australia, where some trees, experimentally carried there, are already bearing fruit, and everything in connection with the same points to general success.CORSA would appear to possess the panaceia for the ill's of silver, a solutio for its depreciation—gold. The "Forbidden Land" is described by a recent traveller to be a veritable *El Dorado* of mineral wealth—only waiting for the application of foreign skill and enterprise to make "less in exchange" a hackneyed phrase of the past! We trust that those who are buoyed up with hope may not be disappointed, and that the old adage, regarding those who live on hope dying of hunger, will not be realized in their instance.

It would be strange if France were now to desire a change in her relations with Annam, where her power is paramount and secure. She has obligations to fulfil to a country that has accepted her protection—not the least of which is the suppression of piracy which desolates the coasts of Ton-

quin. Her intentions in this respect were openly announced to the world last year when the French Chamber was called upon to vote the necessary supplies for the purpose. It appears to us, therefore, to be rather late in the day to cry out against French aggression in Cochinchina.

The partiality of the Chinaman for onions is only equalled by that of the Spaniard for garlic. It may therefore interest some of our Celestial friends to learn that in a climate corresponding to that of Southern China, Italian onion seed has proved a great success, producing bulbs sixteen and seventeen inches in circumference. There was nothing approaching anything like this size among the exhibits of this class at the recent local Horticultural Show. The "pranks and the wiles" of the "heathen Chinee"—who loses no opportunity to turn a cent to his own advantage, and considers it a virtue to cheat a customer in doing so—have gained loud notoriety. He requires close attention everywhere, and here, perhaps, more than elsewhere. His ingenuity is proverbial, and a Government stamp is no deterrent to the exercise of his abilities in a direction where personal gain is expected. The only preventive to his nefarious doings is "short weight," frequent inspections. We do not know whose particular duty it may be to attend to such things; if the Inspector of Weights does not possess full powers to prosecute; but we know that a good example or two is much needed in the interest of those who suffer from the fraud. In other places there is an official specially selected for the work, who ferrets out and follows up such frauds—the evils of false weight, being there considered second only to adulterated food.

Siam lately set an example to surrounding Native Governments worthy of imitation; which, we trust, will not be lost upon that of China. During the recent outbreak of cholera in Siam, the Government of that country supplied medical aid and medicines gratis to the great bulk of the population within the infected area. This timely assistance was afforded by means of travelling floating dispensaries, which visited all the afflicted localities distributing relief. This meritorious work, doubtless, reduced the heavy mortality which invariably follows such epidemic visitations everywhere, but more especially in the East.

In her treaty relations with Annam and Cambodia, France has taken precautions, either expressed or understood, to facilitate Geographical and Scientific research in unknown parts of the interior of these countries. There can be no question that she has largely availed herself of the privileges thus accorded to travellers and servants. The River system of Cochinchina has always had a peculiar interest to strangers, not the least interesting portion of which is that connected with the Donkin, on a branch of which Saigon, the capital of French Cochinchina, is situated. MM. Nees and Septfontaine have lately traced the course of this river to its source, which is 300 miles in a straight line from the nearest point of French Territory; but this discovery is said to be eclipsed by the more recent investigations, further up, of M. Blaine, which the world anxiously awaits to see detailed in print. Rumour would have it that a secret French expedition is now wending its way towards Burma; but we cannot vouch for its accuracy.

WHAT are the legitimate purposes for which a Government Gazette may be employed?—a question frequently asked in Hongkong, and to which we shall endeavour to frame a reply. It was never intended that these Official organs should be utilized to aid the conceit or abet the egoism of any individual—no matter how great the office or high the dignity he may, by a freak of fortune, happen to hold or represent. The Hongkong Government Gazette has become a record of the Governor's "Letters and Speeches." Its misappropriation to this end has become quite notorious. Sir John Pope Hennessy has determined that his footprints will be impressed upon something more durable than the mere sand of time. He hopes to see his name—which he loves so very dearly—included among those of the "great and good"—enshrined, in Duffy's Library, as an "Orator of Ireland." His Excellency would save himself from disappointment by simply remembering that the "small-minded"—despite ingenuity—can never attain to anything beyond "poor mediocrity." For, those who grasp at trifles, to magnify their importance—to make "much ado over nothing"—are invariably found, when weighed in the scales of unprejudiced public opinion, to be wanting—in honesty or sense, or perhaps both. The verdict in such a case invariably is—"worth very little."

Iz cannot fail to surprise that our Australian Colonies, including New Zealand, should be outside the Postal Union. This necessarily involves an extra charge for "redirection." The Postal Tariff in Queensland has been altered on no less than three different occasions, lately—all within the period of a single year! But this and the other Colonies have made a concession to the Press which is worthy of adoption here and elsewhere—viz., exempting Colonial newspapers from inter-Colonial postage, provided that they are posted within a week of publication. It is an interesting fact deserving of notice that the local and inter-Colonial telegraphic rates in Australia, proper, are probably the lowest in the world.

WHAT has become of the Governorship of Labuan, which has been for some time vacant, and the appointment actually going a-begging among the eligible? The British Borneo Company has increased our interest in the Island of Borneo, which should be considerably enhanced by our prospective relations with Sarawak; while the charter recently granted constitutes the Consul-General of Borneo an arbitrator in certain cases. These facts point strongly to the necessity for the efficient up-keep of Labuan, and the judicious selection of a Representative for its administration, who should have to uphold our prestige and maintain our rights in and around the Bornean Sea, once more and seems to have been ini-

Dutch reserve would have to be overcome on one side of the island, while Spanish influence would have to be opposed on the other. Labuan, however, possesses a claim in itself for higher consideration than is now accorded to it. This small island was evidently annexed in consequence of its coal deposits, the importance of which fuel to our enormous maritime interests in the East is too obvious for comment.

We would draw the attention of the authorities to the necessity for an occasional examination of the weights used by the local vendors, and checking the wholesale deputation frequently practised on those not in a position to test or enact the legal standard. The "pranks and the wiles" of the "heathen Chinee"—who loses no opportunity to turn a cent to his own advantage, and considers it a virtue to cheat a customer in doing so—have gained loud notoriety. He requires close attention everywhere, and here, perhaps, more than elsewhere. His ingenuity is proverbial, and a Government stamp is no deterrent to the exercise of his abilities in a direction where personal gain is expected. The only preventive to his nefarious doings is "short weight," frequent inspections. We do not know whose particular duty it may be to attend to such things; if the Inspector of Weights does not possess full powers to prosecute; but we know that a good example or two is much needed in the interest of those who suffer from the fraud. In other places there is an official specially selected for the work, who ferrets out and follows up such frauds—the evils of false weight, being there considered second only to adulterated food.

During the tenure of office of no other Administrator of this Colony have there been so many changes among the Officials in the Public Service than that of the present incumbent. Under the government of Sir John Pope Hennessy changes appear to be the order of the day—"transfers" the rule and permanency of office, as regards their holding, an exception. There can be no possibility of doubt that this mode of conducting the business of the Crown is reprehensible in the highest degree. It is detrimental to the best interests of the State, as it deprives a good man of much of his interest in his work; and the branch of the service with which he has been connected loses the benefit of his acquired local knowledge and experience by the change. Furthermore, as an indifferent servant is seldom benefited by a transfer, the action of those in authority, in this respect, unless where it is supported by the exigencies of the Government, might well be called into question—particularly when these occurrences are frequent. There is a well-known doctrine called the law of expediency which apparently regulates these official changes in Hongkong. By change we imply any act, directly or indirectly, which necessitates any official vacating his *bond fide* situation—no matter how great the office or high the dignity he may, by a freak of fortune, happen to hold or represent. The Hongkong Government Gazette has become a record of the Governor's "Letters and Speeches."

Its misappropriation to this end has become quite notorious. Sir John Pope Hennessy has determined that his footprints will be impressed upon something more durable than the mere sand of time. He hopes to see his name—which he loves so very dearly—included among those of the "great and good"—enshrined, in Duffy's Library, as an "Orator of Ireland." His Excellency would save himself from disappointment by simply remembering that the "small-minded"—despite ingenuity—can never attain to anything beyond "poor mediocrity." For, those who grasp at trifles, to magnify their importance—to make "much ado over nothing"—are invariably found, when weighed in the scales of unprejudiced public opinion, to be wanting—in honesty or sense, or perhaps both. The verdict in such a case invariably is—"worth very little."

Iz cannot fail to surprise that our Australian Colonies, including New Zealand, should be outside the Postal Union. This necessarily involves an extra charge for "redirection." The Postal Tariff in Queensland has been altered on no less than three different occasions, lately—all within the period of a single year! But this and the other Colonies have made a concession to the Press which is worthy of adoption here and elsewhere—viz., exempting Colonial newspapers from inter-Colonial postage, provided that they are posted within a week of publication. It is an interesting fact deserving of notice that the local and inter-Colonial telegraphic rates in Australia, proper, are probably the lowest in the world.

WHAT has become of the Governorship of Labuan, which has been for some time vacant, and the appointment actually going a-begging among the eligible? The British Borneo Company has increased our interest in the Island of Borneo, which should be considerably enhanced by our prospective relations with Sarawak; while the charter recently granted constitutes the Consul-General of Borneo an arbitrator in certain cases. These facts point strongly to the necessity for the efficient up-keep of Labuan, and the judicious selection of a Representative for its administration, who should have to uphold our prestige and maintain our rights in and around the Bornean Sea, once more and seems to have been ini-

gated by Western breezes; to judge from his powerful kicks as a wild Indian. But even a kick can be dignified, as King Potto showed when prancing round in regal garb. Mr Picouling, as a Diplomatist and man of the woods, acted well. Mr Orpah Strong showed his might by wielding an axe in a manner that made one tremble. From this one can see his name is not an assumed one. Messrs Hart and Dennis were both in good form; but the latter the milk-and-water lover, the former, as the dignified Prince. A pang of jealousy must have seized all the audience, who were allowed to indulge in such a frolic, when they saw Prince Caramel (Mr Dennis) win the affections of this sweet-voiced and charmingly-pretty *Jelly* (Mrs Windle); who had already showed her fair face before a Hongkong audience. Princess Toto (Miss Rhona)—the prima donna of the Canton stage,—looked so well that several of the audience were heard to say in an undertone, "I love her!" Her looks were well accompanied by good acting and singing. Of the *Prisoner*, Mr Fossel, it may be said he looked to perfection the intubed within he was supposed to be: end of *Baron Jacquier*, Mr Picouling, that he looked four or five brigands wrapped into one. The scenery and costumes, were exceedingly well put up, and in the 3rd act the scene was so well painted that the audience called M. Baptista before the curtain to make his bow. The C. A. T. S. are to be highly congratulated on their performance of "Princess Toto." If they always enter in the manner they have done to-night, success cannot fail to continue to attend all their undertakings.

A long time—then spasmodically remembred—and afterwards again lost sight of. Last year such scenes as could be discovered were dug up, placed in a poor coffin, and re-interred.

The absence of a British war-ship is a new thing here in winter. Is this the ultimate point of a "weak foreign policy" on the part of the Liberal Government? No special timidity is to be observed, however, on the part of British subjects, except when called upon to "register" as per Order in Council.—*N. C. Daily News.*what at first seemed to be a dead heat; but Mr St. Andrew, who had declared best to win, landed his fine griffin a winner by a short head. Time, 3 min. 21<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sec.

4.—THE INNISKILLING CUP, value \$250,—presented by the Officers of the 1st Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrants \$10. Second Pony to receive 75 per cent of entrance money. One-and-a-quarter mile.

4.—THE PARSEE CUP, value \$160,—presented by the Parsee Community—for China Ponies, being bond fide Griffins at date of Entry. Weight for inches. Winnings of one Race at this Meeting, 7 lbs. extra; of two Races, 12 lbs. extra. Subscription Griffins allowed 7 lbs. Entrants \$10. Second Pony to receive half the Entrance money. One round.

Gordon's First Cornet, 12st. 1lb. (Brandt), 1 Paul's Shamrock, 10st. 12lb. (Reynell), 2 Paul's Sunlight, 10st. 12lb. (Nickels), 0

A fine start was effected from the Grand Stand; and when passing the Bridge the ponies were in a string, led by *First Cornet*. At the Black Rock *Shamrock* got up alongside the leader; and in the run down the hill, the places were almost unaltered. After passing the Village into the Straight, the two leaders were pretty severely pushed; but the *Cornet* came in a winner by half a length. *Sunlight* had a third. Time, 1 min. 55 sec. The Garrison Cup was won by the same rider last year, on *Second Violin*, in 1 min. 52 sec.

5.—THE PROFESSIONAL CUP, value \$250,—for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Winnings of Ashley Weight for inches. Entrants \$10. Second Pony to receive half of the Entrance money. One mile.

6.—THE TOWN PLATE, value \$250,—presented for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Winnings of one Race at this Meeting, 7 lbs. extra; of two Races, 10 lbs. extra; and of three Races, 15 lbs. extra. Winner of the *Fochow Cup*, 7 lbs. Penalties accumulative. Previous winners, 10 lbs. extra. Penalties accumulative. One mile.

7.—THE BROKERS' CUP, value \$250,—a forced entry of \$5 each for all entered. Subscription Griffins 70 per cent of the Entrance money to go to the second, and 30 per cent to third pony.

Graumont's Shell, 11st. 4lb. (Hutchings), 1 Sasse's White Cloud, 10st. 12lb. (Nickels), 0

Clough's Scotch Mist, 10st. 9lb. (Allen), 2 Clough's Scotch Mist, 11st. 1lb. (Hann), 0

James' Kite, 9st. 1lb. (Reynell), 0

Theo's Lightning, 10st. 12lb. (Reynell), 0

Kalin's Phantom, 10st. 12lb. (Cotton), 0

Morgan's Crown, 11st. 1lb. (Hamilton), 0

Kerfoot's Wild Syl, 10st. 12lb. (Cotton), 0

Charles' Lark, 10st. 12lb. (Grant), 0

Gordon's Archid, 11st. 4lb. (Brandt), 0

Jodha's Bateman, 11st. 1lb. (Arnott), 0

Enrique's Whisper, 11st. 1lb. (Smith), 0

Rehers' Swift Wings, 10st. 12lb. (Linsley), 0

This race, which was considered by many to be the most important event of the day's proceedings, created a large amount of interest. Of the 24 entries there appeared at the starting post no less than fourteen, Shell, ridden by the popular "Demon jock," came in an easy winner, followed by *White Cloud* and *Scotch Mist* in almost a dead heat for second place. The rider of *Cromwell*, who was a young amateur, came to grief at the village, in having been thrown in rather an awkward manner, without, however, sustaining any serious injuries. Time, 2min. 26sec.1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrants \$5. Weight for inches. \$75 added. For *First Violin*, 1st. 1lb. (Hann), 0

Gordon's Second Violin, 11st. 1lb. (Essex), 3

Graumont's Detonator, 11st. 1lb. (Major), 0

Gordon's First Cornet, 12st. 1lb. (Brandt), 1

Paul's Sunlight, 10st. 12lb. (Reynell), 0

Mout's Redstart, 11st. 1lb. (Hutchings), 0

After several ineffectual attempts to get away—in one of which *Violin* made a bolt of it round the course and could not be hauled up, thus doubtless damaging his chances—the ponies started well together. *Violin* held the first position until nearing the Grand Stand; when *First Cornet*, well held in hand by *Brandt*, strode to the front, and after some sharp racing, landed a winner by a short head. *Second Violin* was a good third, half a length behind *Violin*. The pace was not so fast as that of last year, being one second more (90ft) than the time on the previous occasion. Mr Gordon declared

